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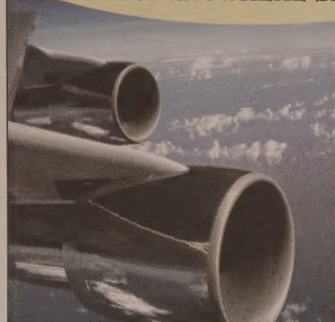


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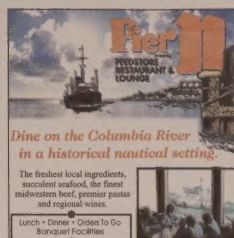
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ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

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FRIDAY, JUNE 17

2 to 6:30 p.m.
Booths open
5 to 7 p.m.
Salmon Dinner by the Astoria Lions Club
6 p.m. to midnight
Beer Garden with music by the Svea Duo from Seattle
7:30 p.m.
Coronation of Miss Scandinavia and program (Indoor Arena)
Dusk
Bonfire and hex burning
9 p.m. to midnight
Queen's Ball with music by Chuck Berger and Diane Hagen (Exhibit Hall)

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Booths open
10 a.m.
Optog Parade (Downtown Astoria)
Noon
Flag raising (Outdoor Stage)
12:30 p.m.
Midsummer Pole raising (Outdoor Arena)
6:30 p.m.
Immigrant Program (Indoor Arena)
7 p.m.
Brent Buswell, accordionist (Indoor Arena)
8 p.m. to midnight
Dance with the Scandinavian Country Band (Exhibit Hall)
BEER GARDEN (noon to midnight)

SATURDAY, JUNE 18 (continued)

1 to 3 p.m. Ray Matta Band
3 to 6 p.m. Coreen, Sven and Jorgen
6 to 9 p.m. Jim Walker and the Wagon Wheel Band
9 p.m. to midnight Svea Duo

INDOOR EXHIBIT HALL

7 to 10 a.m. Breakfast by Scandinavian Café
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Swedish Pea Soup Lunch by Vasa Lodge
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vintage Notes band
1 to 2 p.m. Leikarringen Dancers of Portland
2 to 2:45 p.m. Scandia Leikarringen of Junction City
2:45 to 3:30 p.m. Seattle Finnish Choir singalong
3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Northwest Livakat Kantele Players of Naselle/Vancouver/Portland
4:30 to 7 p.m. Naselle Marimba Band
4:30 to 7 p.m. Dinner by Scandinavian Café

INDOOR ARENA

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Barnfest
1 to 2 p.m. Jam session
2 to 2:30 p.m. VASA Youth Group of Portland
2:30 to 3:15 p.m. Katrilli Finnish Folk Dancers of Seattle
3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Lingonberry Jam band of Portland
4:15 to 5 p.m. Nordlys of Vancouver/Portland
5 to 6 p.m. Nordic, Viking and Scandia Dancers of Astoria

OUTDOOR STAGE

1 to 2 p.m. Nordic, Viking and Scandia Dancers of Astoria
2 to 2:45 p.m. Nordlys of Vancouver/Portland
2:45 to 3:45 p.m. Parade of Native Costumes
3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Leikarringen Dancers of Portland
4:30 to 5:15 p.m. Katrilli Finnish Folk Dancers of Seattle

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

8 a.m. Troll Stroll/Run (Olney countryside)

INDOOR EXHIBIT HALL

7 to 11 a.m. Pannukaku breakfast by the Astoria Rotary Club
11 a.m. Interdenominational Worship Service
Noon to 1 p.m. Vintage Notes band
Noon to 3 p.m. Swedish Pea Soup Lunch by Vasa Lodge
1 to 2 p.m. Northwest Livakat Kantele Players of Naselle/Vancouver/Portland
2 to 3:30 p.m. Brent Buswell, accordionist

OUTDOOR STAGE

1 to 2 p.m. Nordic, Viking and Scandia Dancers of Astoria

INDOOR ARENA

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Barnfest
1 to 2 p.m. Rose City Accordion Club
2 to 3 p.m. Naselle Marimba Band
3 to 4 p.m. Nordic, Viking and Scandia Dancers of Astoria
4 p.m. Closing Ceremony and Raffle Drawing

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**SENIOR COURT
CHAPERONE**
STACY SUNDQUIST

Stacy Sundquist is the chaperone for the senior court this year. Stacy is married to David Sundquist and has two daughters, Rachel, who is attending Mount Hood Community College, and Sofie, who is in elementary school. Stacy works for the city of Astoria and is a member of the local Teamsters Union and a member of the Finnish Brotherhood since 1992. She enjoys spending time outdoors with family, beachcombing, camping, snow-skiing and bird watching. Stacy likes to sew, do crafts, garden and attend "Curves."



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MISS NORWAY
SARA LYN DRAGE

Senior Miss Norway is Sara Lyn Drage, the daughter of Laurie and Steve Drage of Astoria. She is a 2005 graduate of Astoria High School. Sarah was involved in choir and swimming at the high school and sang with the Port City Singers and was a member of District Three Honor Choir. She also likes to spend time horseback riding, traveling and experiencing other cultures. She spent last year in Finland as a Rotary exchange student and visited relatives in Norway. Sara has one sister, Irene, and grandparents Ingvar and Alma Drage and Marilyn Kramer, all of Tacoma, Wash.



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MISS FINLAND
LISA MARIE SHEPARD

Senior Miss Finland is Lisa Marie Shepard, daughter of Jeff and Arja Shepard of Knappa. She is a 2005 graduate of Knappa High School. Lisa was on her high school softball team all four years. She has been bowling since the age of 3 and she enjoys being with friends, fishing, hunting, riding her four-wheeler and vacationing in Hawaii. Lisa has two brothers, A.J. and Jason. Her grandparents are Reimo and Raii Vedenoja and Mick and Carol Shepard of Astoria. She has a great-grandmother, Hazel Stephens.



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MISS SWEDEN
CHELSEA MEREDITH OGREN

Senior Miss Sweden is Chelsea Meredith Ogren, daughter of David and Lisa Killion of Warrenton and the late Jon Ogren. Chelsea is a 2005 graduate of Warrenton High School. Her involvement in school included volleyball, band, senior class vice president, Future Teachers of America and the National Honor Society. Chelsea enjoys skiing, yoga, history, travel and attending family and school functions and going for walks with her mom. Chelsea has four sisters, Emily, Shanna, Claire and Grace (Junior Miss Sweden) and one brother, Davey. Her grandparents are Charles and Charlotte Bergerson of Warrenton.



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MISS DENMARK
MAREN CHERIE BERG-ROOPER

Senior Miss Denmark is Maren Cherie Berg-Rooper, daughter of Mark Rooper and Jennifer Berg of Astoria. Maren just finished her sophomore year at Astoria High School. She plays tenor saxophone in the high school wind symphony and sings with the Port City Singers and is a member of District Three Honor Band and Choir. Maren has participated as a cast member of high school production of "Fame" and "Shanghaied in Astoria." Maren is also a member of the Oregon Ambassadors of Music and will travel to Europe in July for 16 days to sing and play the saxophone in seven European countries. Maren has one brother, Theo, who lives in Portland. Her grandparents are Leslie Berg and Dorothy Rooper.



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**MISS
SCANDINAVIA**
KATHERINE MARIKA ARNALL

Miss Scandinavia 2004 is Katherine Marika Arnall. She is the daughter of Terry and Douglas Arnall. She is a 2004 graduate of Warrenton High School and attends Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls. She has had a busy year at school and traveled to many track meets this spring. She has a brother George and a sister Elizabeth, known as "Dee Dee." Her maternal grandmother is Bernice Enke of Hammond, her paternal grandfather is James Arnall of Astoria.

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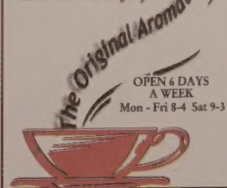
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JENNIFER FREMSTAD

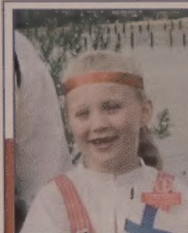
Junior Court Chaperone is Jennifer Fremstad of Brownsmead. She is married to Kristian Fremstad and they have two children, daughter Annik (Junior Miss Norway this year) and son Fridtjof, who is 6. Jennifer is a nurse and she enjoys gardening and raising her family.



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JR. MISS NORWAY
ANNIK SOREN FREMSTAD

Junior Miss Norway is Annik Soren Fremstad, daughter of Kristian and Jennifer Fremstad of Brownsmead. She will be a fourth-grader next year at Hilda Lahti Elementary School in Knappa. She is involved in basketball, ballet and dancing with the Viking-Nordic Dancers. Annik also likes to go camping, ride bikes, read and bake. Her grandmother is teaching her to sew. Annik has one brother, Fridtjof, and her grandparents are Fred and Helene Fremstad and Clegg and Katherine Rasmussen.



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JR. MISS FINLAND
KAISA DAWN JOHNSON

Junior Miss Finland is Kaisa Dawn Johnson, daughter of Troy and Lori Johnson. Kaisa will be a third-grader next year at Astor School. She looks forward to participating in sharing day each week at school. Kaisa enjoys dance at Maddox Studios and with the Viking-Nordic Dancers, swimming, soccer, T-ball and outdoor activities. She attends Sunday School at First Lutheran Church and has one younger brother, Karsten. Kaisa's grandparents are Tom and Ione Johnson and Sally Johnson. She has one great-grandmother, Virginia Johnson.



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JR. MISS SWEDEN
GRACE KATHRYN OGREN

Junior Miss Sweden is Grace Kathryn Ogren, daughter of Lisa and Dave Killon of Warrenton and the late Jon Ogren. She just finished fourth grade at Warrenton Grade School. Grace likes softball, music, art, spending time with family, baking, sewing and church activities. She dances with the Viking-Nordic Dancers and went to Disneyland with them last summer. Grace hopes to attend a Swedish language camp this coming summer. She has four sisters (Chelsea being Miss Sweden) and one brother. Her grandparents are Charles and Charlotte Bergerson.



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JR. MISS DENMARK
BRENNIA ABRE NESS

Junior Miss Denmark is Brenna Abre Ness, daughter of Matthew Ness and Sherrie Ness of Astoria. Brenna will be a second-grader next year at John Jacob Astor Elementary School. She is a junior member of 4-H. Brenna enjoys swimming, soccer, basketball and four-wheeling. She attends Sunday School at First Lutheran Church. Brenna has one brother, Matthew, and her grandparents are Shelly and Curt Ahola, Glenn Beelar and Bev Elliot.



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CROWN BEARER
MATHEW WILLIAMSON

Crown Bearer this year is Mathew Williamson, son of Bob and Heli Williamson of Svensen. He just finished fourth grade at Hilda Lahti Elementary School in Knappa. Mathew is involved in football and enjoys collecting military memorabilia along with stamps and coins. He likes to ride his motorcycle around the back yard and when bored, he teases his two older sisters, Marika and Maraja. Mathew's grandparents are Olavi and Soilikki Nauha of Kalajoki, Finland, and Robert and Patricia Williamson of Svensen.

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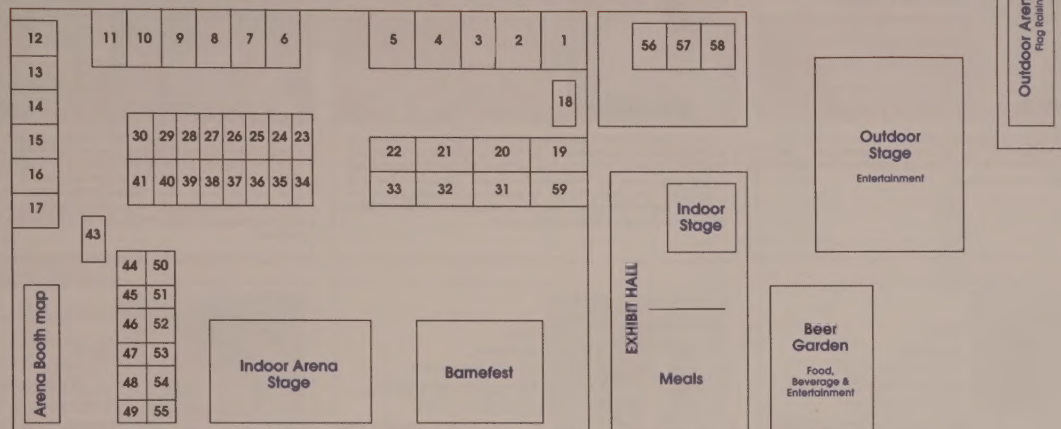
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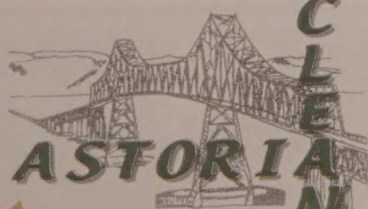
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25. Sons of Norway
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40. Viking Trader
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42. Nordic Adventures
43. Two Geminis Quick Silver Mint
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45. Brown Baggers

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Berger is known worldwide for his expertise on the MIDI accordion, and is called upon to do programming all over the world. His sounds are such that you will swear there's a 20-piece band on stage.

Hagen has been an award-winning accordionist since the age of 5. After being away from the accordion for 23 years, she has teamed up with Berger for duets. Hagen is now playing many engagements in the Portland area. Audiences comment, "They play like they are joined at the hip!" We know you will thoroughly enjoy their talent together on stage.

Let's show them our sincere appreciation by having a record turnout at the Queen's Ball Friday, June 17.

Brent Buswell

Brent Buswell, of Ludlow, Texas, is a graduate of Berklee College of Music in Boston. He has played the accordion for 11 years and enjoys playing a variety of music, including jazz, polkas, Scandinavian, marches, classical, Christian and American standards. He especially enjoys playing the music of Pietro Frosini.

Buswell has been a guest performer with the Grammy award-winning Jimmy Sturr Orchestra, and has performed for many functions throughout the Northeast including the 1998 National Finnfest held in Gorham, Maine, the Swedish Midsummer Festival in Cape Cod, Mass., and numerous Finnfun weekends. Buswell was the featured performer for the 2002 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival in Astoria. In March 2003, Buswell had the honor of performing at the Finnish Embassy in Washington, D.C. He will be returning to Astoria in 2005 to once again be the featured entertainer of the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

Because of the variety of music Brent enjoys playing, he has had the opportunity to perform for many functions. He has performed with country musicians, played for the Maison Robert French Restaurant in Boston and performed with the Stratton Mountain Boys, a group of musicians from Austria.

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Swedish meatballs in brown cream gravy
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Norwegian Medister Polse (pork bratwurst)
Braised Scandinavian red cabbage
New potatoes
Shrimp appetizer
Fresh bread
Finnish dream torte dessert
Bottled water, Coke/Diet Coke
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1968 Marjorie Yost	1986 Donna Brunner
1969 Carol Johansen	1987 Shari Fay
1970 Sirpa Perkiomaki	1988 Saara Carlson
1971 Melissa Hill	1989 Josie Hemeon
1972 Rhonda Lammi	1990 Kristen Jacobsen
1973 Judy Angberg	1991 Melissa Rose
1974 Marianne Larson (crowned)	1992 Allea Thomas
Linda Sjoblom (reigned)	1993 Jenny Gustafson
1975 Karen Niemi	1994 Amy Goin
1976 Kim Tinner	1995 Kerry Stevenson
1977 Gail Norman	1996 Niina Salo
1978 Tina Hess	1997 Jaclyn O'Bryant
1979 Susan Edison	1998 Caryn Nelson
1980 Leila Koskela	1999 Amanda Caldwell
1981 Sigrid Ness	2000 Brita Lynn Blair
1982 Cheryl Cruzan	2001 Kristin Oja
1983 Julie Lampa	2002 Sara Seeborg
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HONORED IMMIGRANT The Ragnar Hoyer Family



Ragnar & Ellen Hoyer

was born in Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 11, 1896. Her application states she was a housewife. Ellen received her 25-year pin in 1950, her 50-year pin in 1970 and her 60-year award in 1980. She was a member in good standing at the time of her passing on March 19, 1983.

In researching the minutes of Astor Lodge, it became apparent that the Hoyers were the type of dedicated members who form the heart and soul of a fraternal organization. In the early years of the lodge, Ragnar served as recording secretary and vice chairman. In 1921, he was elected chairman and he served as chairman numerous times during his many years of membership. His longest tenure in office was a treasurer, where he ensured that the lodge remained solvent during the tough Depression years and for many years after that. Ragnar was very progressive. In 1951, when the number of Swedish immigrants had slowed to a trickle, he made the initial motion to adopt English as the official language of Astor Lodge. The motion passed. From then on, the meetings were conducted in English and the minutes written in English, even though most of the officers were Swedish-speaking. Ragnar also served on the committee of three to translate the lodge's bylaws into English. In 1954, he was heard to exclaim proudly when the top four officers in the lodge were held by women, "Never in my 30 years have so many ladies served as officers." Even though the 16 charter members of Astor Lodge were men, women were welcome to join from the time the lodge was formed – which was very unusu-

Ragnar Hoyer was initiated into Astor Lodge Feb. 26, 1915, just three years after the lodge was organized in February 1912. He was 21 years old when he joined. Records show that he was born in Öregrund, Sweden, in 1893. He was a member of the lodge for 60 years, receiving his 25-year pin in 1940 and his 50-year pin in 1965. He was a member in good standing at the time of his death on April 24, 1975.

Ragnar's wife, Ellen, joined Astor Lodge Dec. 5, 1919, at the age of 23. She

al for a fraternal organization. Ragnar volunteered for many important committees. He was often chairman and emcee for the Christmas party and such events as the Founders' Day celebration and the annual picnic. He served on the old age assistance committee, a very important function of the lodge, since sometimes the lodge even paid the funeral expenses of indigent members. He was also a liaison with the Jaycees when selecting committee members to be honored as junior and senior citizens of the year.

Ellen Hoyer was just as enthusiastic as her husband. She served as lodge treasurer for several years in the 1920s and as master of ceremonies numerous times throughout her membership. Perhaps her biggest contribution was as cultural leader and lodge musician. As lodge musician, she played the piano for every meeting. She planned many musical programs and played for the after-meeting dances, which were popular. She also played the accordion for special events. She gave readings and theatrical presentations too numerous to count. She was in charge of food preparation for the servicemen at the U.S.O. when it was the lodge's turn to host.

Ragnar and Ellen made a great team. They were two tall, slender and dignified people who complemented each other. They were chosen numerous times as Astor Lodge delegates to the District Convention. In this capacity, they brought back excellent suggestions, many of which were implemented by the local lodge. Certainly one of the most important things the two did together was to serve on the committee to visit members too ill to attend meetings. If there was need, they arranged for financial help and provided cheer and small personal items. They were also a team musically. It was a joy to see the two of them dance together! Even though he was born in Sweden, Ragnar sang beautifully in Swedish and English with Ellen accompanying him. He could even be heard warbling Irish songs each year in March in honor of St. Patrick's Day. He played the harmonica and organized male members into a barbershop quartet. The Hoyers were an entertaining pair who enjoyed life to the fullest.

At the time of his passing in 1975, Ragnar was honored with a beautiful memorial by Astor Lodge. It was said that "the loss of his pleasant smile and friendly manner leaves a vacancy that will be felt by all members for a very long time."

Astor Lodge is proud to honor the Ragnar Hoyers as our first posthumous immigrant family. The Hoyers were the kind of hard-working, honest, courageous, talented people who made this country great.

Researched from Astor Lodge minutes by Maureen Sundstrom,

Cultural Leader

Ragnar Ernest Hoyer

Born May 2, 1893 in Öregrund, Sweden

Died April 24, 1975 at age 81

Son of Anton L. Hoyer and Matilda Olson Hoyer. Three sisters, Gunhild, Ann and Cecile, and one brother, Anion, are deceased.

Ragnar left Sweden in 1904, crossing into the United States at Port Huron, Mich. He arrived in Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 26, 1904. He was confirmed into the Lutheran church Aug. 22, 1909 in Park City, Utah. He graduated from high school in Park City and received his citizenship papers in 1919 or 1920.

Ragnar came to Astoria in February 1912 and lived in Astoria and Raymond, Wash., for a time. He went back to Park City until April 1916, when he returned to Astoria.

During World War I, Ragnar moved to Columbia City and worked at the shipyards. He was a boat operator and construction worker for Gilpin Construction Co. in Astoria and Tacoma, Wash. He also worked for Ingletton Engineering Co. in Astoria, assembling oil furnaces. He was employed by General Petroleum Co., Niemi Oil Co. and Burns-Johanson Oil Co. as a furnace oil driver and salesman until his retirement.

Ellen Marie Holmquist Hoyer

Born Nov. 11, 1896 in Tacoma, Wash.

Died March 19, 1983 at the age of 86.

Ellen received her schooling through high school in Tacoma. She and Ragnar were married Nov. 11, 1918 in Tacoma.

In Astoria, they were members of Trinity Lutheran Church, which later became Peace Lutheran Church.

Ellen was also a member of Vasa Order of America, Order of Eastern Star.

Ragnar and Ellen had two sons, both of whom live in Seaside. Donald Hoyer married Lois Hanson and has two children. Son Kerry lives in Astoria and has two daughters, and daughter Holly lives in Gearhart and has three sons and a daughter. David Hoyer married Lorraine Fremstad. They have three children: Jeff of Florence, Cindy of Little Rock, Ark. (she won the trip to Scandinavia in 2002), who has one son, and Nancy, who lives in Warrenton and has two children. Nancy was Miss Sweden in 1973 and Junior Chaparrone in 2004. Her daughter Katie was Junior Miss Norway in 1990 and Miss Norway in 2002. Nancy's son Eric was flag bearer for Katie in 2002.



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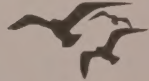
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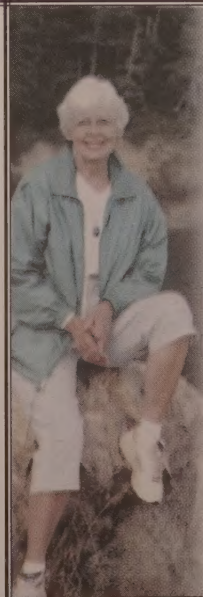
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HONORED IMMIGRANT

Enni Maria Perkiomaki



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Long before Enni Perkiomaki immigrated to the United States in 1961 with her husband, Osmo, and their two children, Enni had heard wondrous tales of her relatives crossing the Atlantic to North America. Her grandfather worked in the Redwoods in Northern California in the late 1800s, earning enough money to go back to Finland to buy a large farm. Also in the late 1800s, Enni's relatives homesteaded in Western Washington, in the area of Lake Sammamish, where they are to this day. Enni's own mother was born in Canada and had dual Finnish/Canadian citizenship all her life.

Is it no wonder then, that Enni felt comfortable about her family crossing the Atlantic once more when Osmo suggested it in the late 1950s? Finland was suffering from hard economic times and a precarious political situation with the Cold War Soviet Union as a next-door neighbor. And although they had a comfortable middle class lifestyle, Osmo felt the family could do better in America.

Osmo and Enni made their home in Astoria in 1961, both working very hard and saving money at every chance so they could send their children to college and realize other dreams. Osmo, who passed away three years ago, was a shareholder and worked at the Astoria Plywood Mill. Enni worked at Bumble Bee Seafoods as the laundry lady. She fondly remembers the friends she made there. She recalls with delight how some friends there mistook her for a college girl. Enni was just a little older than 30 when she moved to Astoria, and she was always short and lively.

Now retired, Enni has lived at the same address in Astoria, with

the same telephone number, for 44 years. How many people can claim to have had the same telephone number and address for 44 years in this day and age? Well, that is Enni's way. Enni thrives on stability, home and family. And she's always there to help her friends or family who are in need.

Enni loves Astoria, and many people here know of her "pulla" bread, the Scandinavian sweet cardamom bread. When helpers do odd jobs at her house, they sometimes ask for payment in "pulla" instead of money. Enni's great talent for cooking is inherited from her mother, especially Finnish dishes such as "rosoli," "laksloada," "riisipuuro" (rice pudding), "lutefish," "lihapullat" (meatballs) and of course, "pulla."

But Enni has become a master of Northwest cooking as well, and she grills a mean beef steak. And watch out for her recipes for salmon, oysters, razor clams and Dungeness crab. Don't forget the blackberry pie and raspberry pie. Yum! It's enough to make you gain a few pounds just thinking about it all.

Enni has become American in other ways too, not just her cooking. She became an American citizen 30 years ago, and she votes in every election. When she visits with her grandchildren, she speaks to them in English, although she gets in a Finnish lesson whenever she can. But she still speaks Finnish to her son Jukka, who is a dentist, and her daughter Sirpa, who is a community college instructor.

Enni's life is full and rich with family and friends. She is an active member of Ladies of Kaleva, Finnish Brotherhood and Sisterhood, Peace Lutheran Church and the Astoria Widows' Club. You will often find her having lunch at one of the interesting restaurants around Astoria, Seaside, Cannon Beach, Ilwaco or Long Beach, Wash. Thanks to modern technology, Enni, who has a personal computer at home, can easily stay in touch with her relatives in Finland, and if the mouse does not cooperate, there is the telephone. Enni has visited Finland on several occasions, but she never wants to stay there for long, as she gets restless to come back home to Astoria.

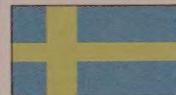
Enni Perkiomaki was a young woman when she crossed the Atlantic and settled in Astoria. She has lived in America longer than she ever lived in Finland. And she is very happy here. Her life is full and rich. We can say Enni is a truly successful immigrant and we honor her today.

FLAG HISTORY



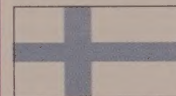
DENMARK

Denmark is not only the oldest kingdom in the world today, it also has the world's oldest flag, the Dannebrog, red with a white cross. As the oldest flag in Scandinavia, the Dannebrog provided the pattern for the other Scandinavian flags. According to legend, it descended "as a sign from heaven" in 1219, turning defeat into victory for the Danish crusaders. The Dannebrog celebrated its 750th anniversary in 1969. The Danes use every festive opportunity to fly their flags and this year's Midsummer Festival will be no exception.



SWEDEN

The Swedish flag is a yellow cross on a light blue field. There are many reasons for the Swedish flag being blue and yellow. They are the outstanding colors in the northern land. The flowers, the lakes, yellow cornfields against the blue of a summer's sky and the blue eyes and blonde hair of the girls. They are the same today as when the flag was first raised above Swedish soil.



FINLAND

Finnish heraldry dates to the 16th century. Battle flags were displayed on equal basis with the Swedish armed forces during this period. When Finland became a Grand Duchy under Russia, it was allowed the privilege of flying its own flag, similar to the present-day flag of a blue cross on a white background. The present standard was adopted in 1918 after Finland's independence from Russia. The blue signifies the sky and lakes of Finland and the white, a blanket of snow.



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HONORED IMMIGRANT

Solfrid Price



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I, Solfrid Price, want to thank the Norwegian Immigrant Committee for asking me to be the Norwegian Honored Immigrant for the 2005 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

I was born in Hamar, Norway, just before the war, and grew up in Norway.

My father, Peder Myhre, was an educator, and we lived in

several places in Norway and later in Ethiopia. He came to California to study more after the war, and the rest of the family trickled over. Dad went back to Ethiopia later and died there in 1958.

I live in Seaside with my husband, Ray, now retired from the Navy.

I have two sons: David lives in Seaside with his wife, Jana, and my only and favorite granddaughter, Maya; Kristoffer, a bachelor, lives in Portland.

My family and I have had the privilege to have lived in the eastern United States, California, Hawaii, Japan and eventually we all ended up here in Oregon, where my boys have lived for many years.

My hobbies are Norwegian rosemaling, photography, traveling and hiking and enjoying the beautiful nature here, like Norway.

Since 1981, I have visited Norway regularly, and the last 15 years at least once a year.

Every other year, I take a rosemaling workshop through Vesterheim, the Norwegian-American museum in Decorah, Iowa. This year, I will also take knifemaking. I will be leaving on this year's tour in a few days. They offer carving, knifemaking, weaving and Norwegian food besides rosemaling.

This year, the workshop is held in Fagernes, Norway. It is a great opportunity to see special and different places in Norway, learn more of the arts and crafts, and the people.

Norway is celebrating 100 years of independence this year, and I will stay longer to visit relatives and friends and to celebrate.

I did not dream of coming to America when young, but it has been great to see and learn, and experience living in America.

FLAG HISTORY



NORWAY

The Norwegian flag, first approved for use by merchant ships in 1821, became the national flag in 1898. The red field bears a blue cross superimposed on a broader white cross. The cross reflects Christian tradition, which began in Norway about the time the Viking period ended.

Norway was united with Denmark for more than 400 years under the Danish flag, then transferred to Sweden at the end of the Napoleonic wars. Norwegians had several grievances, one of which was that they had no flag. In 1821, they decided to have their own flag.



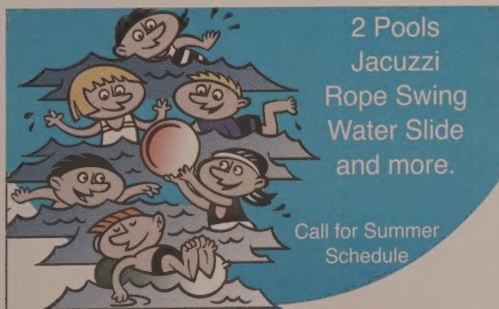
ICELAND

The modern Icelandic flag came into existence in 1915. For Icelanders it is like a vision of their country's landscape. Of the three colors of the flag, the deep blue signifies the ocean, the red the fire, and the white the ice. The cross symbolizes the Christian faith, which the Nordic people have shared over a millennium. In the sign of the cross, the colors of the Icelandic flag united in a harmonious triad.

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